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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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An Appeal Brief was filed in the referenced application on June 16, 2009. Since more than thirty-four months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said Appeal Brief has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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